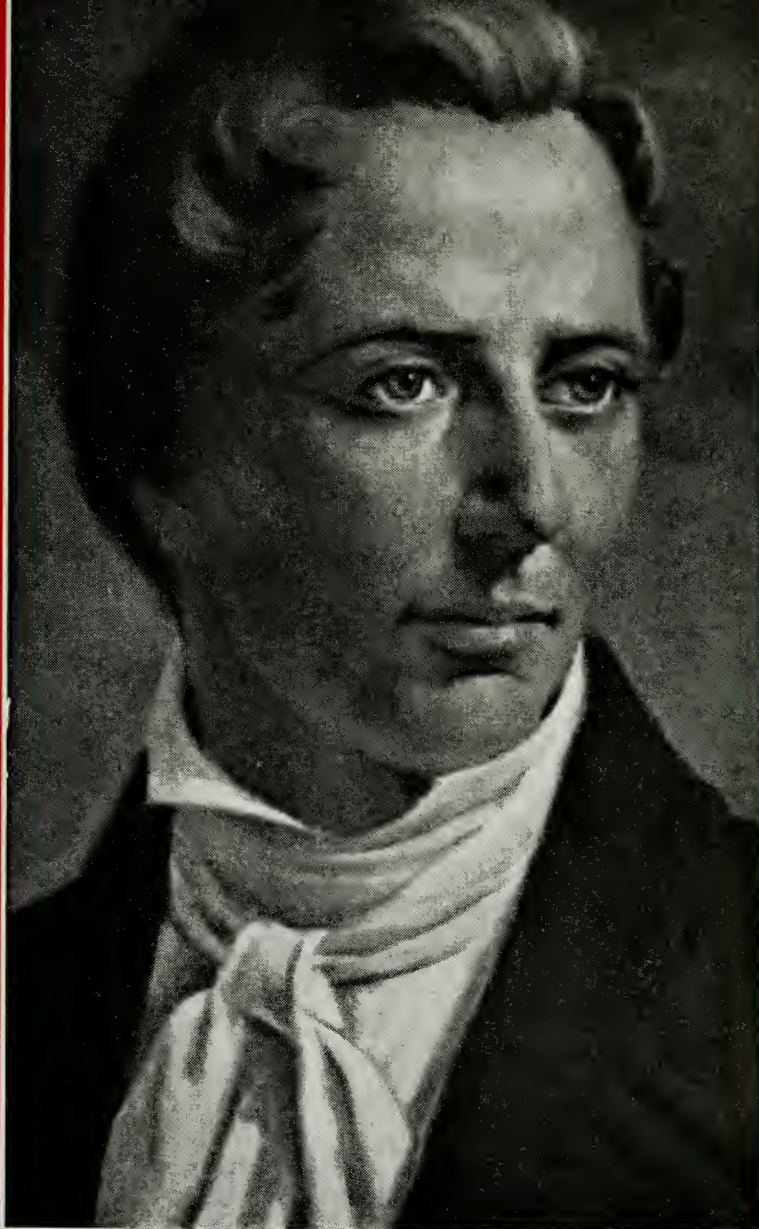




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PRIESTHOOD IN THE HOME

by

PRESIDENT O. LAYTON ALLDREDGE

I REJOICE with you that the Holy Priesthood has been restored in these Days, and give my witness that it is so. I rejoice with you that so many of us have been privileged to be ordained. It should be the concern of each of us that we bear the Priesthood with dignity and honour.

I shall ever regard the Brotherhood of the Priesthood as the proper soil in which the finest kind of fraternal feelings may prosper and grow. I envisage the day when its ever widening circle will unite all men in a common concern for the welfare of each other.

This evening I would like to consider with you another aspect of the Priesthood. What is the place of the Priesthood in the home? **Is there or should there be** any difference between a home in which the "head of the house" is a Priesthood bearer, than in a home where he is not? Did your ordination to the Priesthood bring any tangible benefits into your home? Has your family felt an increase in spiritual blessings since your ordination?

Perhaps it is well at this stage to ask one more question: Who is the "head of the house" in your home? Traditionally we would say, "Father is the head of the house". But is he? And if he is, what kind of a head is he?

Few of the Sisters will be offended if I suggest that Father **should be** head of the house. Where he is not, in fact, it is because he has in a measure abdicated from his rightful place, and Mother has had to step into the void.

If Father is to be the head of the house, then he should make this high position in the family circle more secure by making every member of the family **happy to have him** as the head of their household and family.

This presupposes that he will not preside over his home as a dictator, who thunders his will at each and every member of the family and tells them what they may or may not do regardless of their personal wishes or desires.

The Lord has given us some guidance to the proper way in which Father should preside over his home, by giving a guide to a Priesthood holder who has been called to preside over his brethren.

"No power or influence can or ought to be maintained by virtue of the Priesthood, only by persuasion and meekness, and by love unfeigned;

By kindness and pure knowledge . . . Reproving betimes with sharpness, when moved upon by the Holy Ghost; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy."

This, it seems to me, makes provision for the spanking the naughty and wilful child may need. The sharp word the disobedient deserve if what they are doing, if persisted in, would let them develop traits of character which would bring them trouble with their friends or society as a whole. Here it might be said, "The only real unkindness to children is to allow them to persist in doing

what you know to be wrong."

I believe each head of the family instinctively knows that if a light pat of the hand or a sharp word will not correct a child when he is young, the day is surely coming when neither of these methods will bring results. It might be said with some truth that in using these methods beyond their effective age level, lies the cause of much of the arguments and unpleasantness in the home.

The day will come when our only constructive influence on the members of our household will be by gentleness, meekness, kindness, and love unfeigned. We have a duty to teach every member of our family what is right and what is wrong, but we also have perhaps a higher responsibility — to create within our family circle an atmosphere in which all the virtues of life are cultivated and a bond of love between the members which will help them to choose the right, because of the hurt and disappointment it would cause to their loved ones at home if they did not.

Some day all of us must choose to do right, because it is right, if we are to take our place among the elect of the earth.

Happy is the home that sends its graduating members out into life's byways clothed with a love that helps them resist evil and choose the right because "Mom and Dad" would want me to; and even more blessed than this, is the child who under the influence of a good home has chosen to do right for its own sake.

This brings me to another point. We are told water does not rise higher than its source. Perhaps this is not true in the realms of the spirit, but it might be well to ask, "How do you expect children to rise above the level of their parents?"

Every bearer of the Priesthood should begin to establish a happy home by first becoming what he ought to be as head of the family. How can you teach your children

to be honest, thrifty, kindly, forgiving, or love the Church and its teachings unless we ourselves set a proper example?

In this regard, may I suggest one vice which every member who bears the Priesthood should overcome. It is to lose our temper and become angry. There are few sins that can cause more unhappiness in the home. What a travesty on life that under the spirit of anger we sometimes use language when addressing our loved ones that we would not use to the most casual stranger.

Nothing destroys the atmosphere where reason may dwell more completely than when we lose our temper. On an occasion when we have need of our greatest judgment and wisdom, we are closest to insanity when we lose our temper.

If losing our temper is the father of trouble, then profanity is its step-son. Profanity spoken in anger comes close to being vulgar, and vulgarity is as far removed from the spirit of love where under Heaven's blessings, problems are discussed with calmness and reason.

In closing could I address just a word to the children growing up in an L.D.S. home. There are some of life's lessons which must be learned. There are some eternal truths which never change. Among these are: there is no shortcut to happiness; every worthwhile thing has its cost; the wages of sin is death. These you will learn—one way or another—but you will learn them.

I pray for a home in which you will learn some things from the teachings of devoted parents. Happy is the child who learns from the teachings of his parents. They may be spared being taught in the valley of bitter experience, where some lessons learned are accompanied by more heartaches than young hearts ought to hold.

I seek Heaven's blessings upon you, my brethern of the Priesthood, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A talk delivered at Ramah, June 9., 1963.)

The authority derived from the Lord is known as priesthood. It is committed to man to meet first personal needs, and also to be used within the Church for carrying out the purposes of the plan of salvation. Since priesthood roots in knowledge and the intelligent use of knowledge, it must be a real force, a real power, to be used in solving any or all problems of life, whether personal or within the Church.

John A. Widtsoe.

LOVE THROUGH SERVICE

THE word love denotes devotion, service and continually doing good, and through giving of our love we also gain joy and happiness for ourselves. No one can obtain joy and happiness by merely asking for it, but just as all things worthwhile, they must be worked for by action and deed. Ingersoll said, "Teach them also that happiness is the bud, the blossom and the fruit of good and noble actions, that it is not the gift of any good; that it must be earned by man — must be deserved."

We as Latter-day Saints find ourselves engaged in many activities to further the Lord's Kingdom upon the earth. Each one of us has a station in His Kingdom, whether it be that of being Branch President, a teacher or simply a member. All of the positions and callings within the Church require some sort of effort to accomplish what we feel inside is a good job in the sight of God. I know that the amount of effort that we put into our callings is in direct proportion to the amount of help the Lord gives us in accomplishing our tasks and the amount of blessings received therefrom. If we really love the Lord and are willing to serve him, our lives will be concentrated into living all of the commandments and giving of time, talents and strength to His works. If we are so ordered in our daily actions, the Lord is bound to bless us and give to us not only spiritual blessings which become part of us throughout the eternities but also earthly bounties although they are fleeting, and this is certainly not contrary to His promises. He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," (John 14 : 15) and one of

the commandments he has given is to, "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6 : 33)

Unfortunately some of us murmur when given assignments in the Church, and some even murmur trying to live the commandments. However, those individuals who are working in the Church, living the commandments and giving it their entire energies are the ones who love the Gospel the most. The reason a mother loves her child; the reason a craftsman loves his work is because they put their all into their tasks and their love is made visible through their work. Without work we would be nothing and accomplish nothing in the world in which we live, and it is the same in our Father's Kingdom. There is no blessing that is given to us except it be through us being obedient to some law or commandment. So if we are constant and diligent in our observances, we will reap the blessings.

May we then show our Father that we love Him by living His commandments and doing all that is asked of us in His Kingdom. Let us rededicate ourselves to His service and use our talents to build His Kingdom in this wonderful land of Africa. "I say unto you that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning, and is preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another — I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants."

(Mosiah 2 : 21)

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THE GIFT OF COURAGE

by

ELDER STERLING W. SILL

MANY years ago the late Paul Speicher wrote a magnificent little book entitled **The Gift of Courage**. In it he challenges our thinking with some interesting questions. He says, "If, as a gift, you could have your heart's desire, if you could have your fondest wish fulfilled, what would it be?"

Then Mr. Speicher points out that the most magnificent gift is one that only you can give to yourself. It is the gift of courage. Mr. Speicher says that greater than intellect, experience, ability or foresight, is that fighting edge that one has when he is not afraid. Nothing worthwhile can ever be achieved without courage. Next only to honour, courage is the greatest quality of the mind. Therefore, Mr. Speicher says, "Give yourself the gift of courage. The courage to act now. The courage to meet the problems of life each day, to do those things that must be done, for without this gift we tend to sit and wait for fairer days while life slips through our listless fingers and is lost. And always when we waste life, life wastes us."

In legendary Greek history Homer's Ulysses tells of the land of the Lotus Eaters. The fruit of the lotus tree was supposed to cause a state of dreamy content with oneself and make him forget ambition and home and friends. On this enchanted island men lost their purpose in life and wandered about dreaming dreams that could never come true. Yet

the fabled lotus fruit is no more dangerous to human hopes than is the fruit of discouragement, procrastination and fear that takes root in any life that lacks courage.

O. Henry tells the story of a New York artist who planned the masterpiece of his life. His picture was to be colossal. Those who heard him tell of his plans were thrilled by his conception. The work he expected to accomplish would send his name echoing down the corridors of time forever. It would make him the companion of the immortal Da Vinci and the magnificent Rembrandt. But he couldn't start the picture today. Things weren't quite right. Then one day his friends took up his lifeless dory and buried it with his masterpiece still unborn.

But what about your own unborn masterpiece? Some day you will do great things. Some day the world will be astounded by your accomplishments. But the fabric of life is hourly growing thinner and many die before their masterpieces have been painted. Therefore, give yourself the gift of courage today. It will forever enhance the glory of your life.

Then Mr. Speicher says, "Give yourself the courage to keep on trying". He asks, "When is a man a failure?" Is he a failure when his business falls off, or when he stumbles in his effort? Is he a failure when he makes a mistake or when his goals are not realized? Disheartening as these

things may be, they do not make any man a failure. A man is a failure only when he quits trying and contents himself to live at a level less than his best.

Washington met the most serious adversity at Valley Forge, but he didn't stop. Lincoln fought despair and melancholia all of his life, but he kept on going. Paul the Apostle said, "I fight on lest I myself should be a cast-away." And Jesus said, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Give yourself the courage that led Henley, a hopeless cripple to sing victoriously:

It matters not how straight the gate,

How charge with punishment the scroll;

I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

We need to give ourselves the courage that strengthened the heart of Columbus and held him steadfast while he sailed into unknown seas. And through the dark days and stormy nights enabled him to greet his fear-stricken sailors with the cry of faith and say, "Sail on! Sail on! Sail on and on!"

Then give yourself the courage to utilize your full potential. We remember the story from the old Fifth reader of the lion cub lost in a flock of sheep. As he grew up he ran and played with the sheep and behaved like a sheep, and he believed that he was a sheep. Then one day on the distant skyline there appeared the silhouette of a great lion. His head was thrown back, his tail was lashing about him. With a great roar, the lion on the hillside sent his voice across the fields of the valley below. Then the lion playing with the sheep stopped his playing. Something stirred within him. Like was calling to like. Then he knew that he was a lion and not a sheep, and with an answering roar that sent the timid sheep

scattering before him, the lion with the sheep ran to join the lion on the mountainside.

Sometimes we go on and on through life while the lion sleeps within us, never realizing that our lot in life is not in the meadows with the sheep, but on the mountainside with the lions.

Give yourself the courage to dream of the man you may become. This God-given ability to dream great dreams was not given us to mock us. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

We should be as brave in our accomplishment as the little boy who used to be awakened night after night screaming because of a repeated nightmare in which he met a great tiger. He was so affected by his nightly terror that his parents counseled with a psychologist who said to the little boy, "The next time you dream about the tiger, say to yourself, 'this nice old tiger hasn't come to hurt me. He wants to be my friend. I am going to walk right up and pat him on the head.'"

The boy agreed, and that night the anxious parent stole into his room. There he lay tossing nervously in his sleep. Then they saw his face whiten, his breath grew shorter and through tightly closed lips the father and mother heard a desperate little voice saying, "I am not afraid. I know you want to be my friend. I am going to walk right up and pat you on the head."

Then the little boy smiled in his sleep, and the parent knew that the tiger would never again send him screaming from his bed. Give yourself the courage to meet the tigers of life.

Almost always our problems are blessings in disguise sent to develop our strength. And if we listen closely we can hear the voice of the Master saying, "Lo, it is I, be not afraid." May God help us to give ourselves this magnificent gift of courage.

Perfection by the Priesthood

JUST how important is the Priesthood to our lives and our activities? Would our lives be very different if the Priesthood had never existed? Of course the answer is an unequivocal "yes"; but perhaps it would be good to see just how different things would have to be, how important that Priesthood is.

First of all we must realize that this authority is eternal, that it is without beginning of days or end of time, that "this same Priesthood which was in the beginning, shall be in the end of the world also." The very act of the creation of this world took place by the power of the Priesthood. Adam, the first man to dwell upon this earth, was granted that authority; and it was deemed by God a necessity, but Adam esteemed it as a blessing. It is the power by which Satan may be routed and his angels dispersed, by which obstacles may be removed and paths made clear, by which salvation is accomplished and exaltation obtained. It is the only power by which man ever has acted or will ever be able to act in God's name.

When man in general is not capable of upholding the responsibilities of the Priesthood and is thus not worthy of receiving the blessings of the same, God will take that power away from man in general, although perhaps reserving it for those few who may be able to endure even in the face of universal evil. Or, if man in general is not able to abide by the fullness of the Gospel and act under the completeness of the Priesthood, God may simply remove a portion of that authority from among them. Thus, in the days of Moses, God took away the higher Priesthood and left them only what has since become known as the Aaronic Priesthood. This, as we well know, served as a school-master until we be brought to Christ; its functions were largely of a temporal nature, being in many cases only typifying the

greater ordinances which are under the jurisdiction and administration of the higher, or Melchizedek Priesthood.

But when the Saviour came to the world, He commanded that we become perfect "even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect". Yet, under the Aaronic Priesthood, which was the only Priesthood available at that time, perfection was impossible and it is therefore significant that this commandment was given only after the Melchizedek Priesthood was restored in the presence and person of Christ Himself. But, once this higher priesthood was restored, it was then imperative that the higher law be given: "for the Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law". If the old laws were not fulfilled, Christ would cease to be the one of whom all the prophets testify; if the law was not changed, there would cease to be reason for the new Priesthood and, having no further function at the time, it would disappear. So it is that the law had to be fulfilled and new laws put forth once our Saviour entered the world and brought back the higher authority; and so it is that the Priesthood makes possible our possession of the Gospel and its attendant blessings.

And how is it that man will be resurrected, if not through the power of the Priesthood? We are told that, if we are but faithful and exercise our Priesthood in righteousness, all things are possible to us. We may remove mountains out of their places, devils out of the possessed, even Satan himself out of our presence.

From beginning to end, then—from the beginning of the world to the end thereof, from the beginning of our days into the unlimited future—in all we do, in all we have, it is the power of the Priesthood that makes everything

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RELIEF SOCIETY COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR MAY



THE TOP FOUR

Branch	Attendance Percent
BELLVILLE	90%
DURBAN	88%
CARLETONVILLE	80%
SPRINGS	80%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	No. of Magazines	Hours Spent in Compassionate Service	Sick Visits	Families in Branch	Visiting Teacher Visits
Bellville	10	9	90%	6	24	21	23	—
Bloemfontein	12	9	75%	11	—	10	24	19
Bulawayo	23	12	52%	6	—	3	—	—
Carletonville	5	4	80%	1	—	6	6	6
Copperbelt	18	11	62%	14	—	—	25	22
Durban	33	29	88%	15	4	14	80	42
East London	16	6	38%	5	—	5	28	15
East Rand	13	8	61%	12	—	3	55	14
Kimberley	5	3	60%	—	—	3	—	—
Klerksdorp*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Krugersdorp	21	15	71%	11	3	14	34	31
Mowbray	43	28	65%	27	4	30	94	66
Pietermaritzburg	12	6	50%	6	—	—	20	1
Port Elizabeth	15	9	60%	4	—	—	—	—
Pretoria*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Primrose	15	8	53%	6	—	—	34	28
Ramah*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury	12	8	67%	11	6	6	18	15
Springs	15	12	80%	18	—	5	35	25
Vereeniging	9	5	56%	8	1	—	—	—
Welkom	9	6	67%	4	—	—	20	14

* Branches which failed to report.

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possible. How great should be our diligence then in seeing that this power is exercised in total righteousness; and that this is done frequently, that it may grow through use, that we may glorify the name of God until all men on earth be forced to recognise that which we ourselves know: God lives and rules the world. We often refer to the fact that "the Priesthood is the authority to act in the name of God", emphasising the word "authority". Let us instead emphasise the word "act". The glory of God is never so strongly manifested as when it is

seen in daily deeds of those who act in His name; His blessings to us are never so evident as when we act in accordance with the greatest of all those blessings: the Priesthood; growth and development are never so abundantly available as when we act in accordance with His desires. Why then be passive? Indeed, how can we be passive? Let us act every day as though we really know that the Priesthood is our greatest blessing, even the greatest blessing possible: the authority to ACT in the name of God.

Elder John R. Carlson

PARENTS CAN HELP

PERHAPS the proper education of our young people is the most important of all the tasks that we as parents have. Our children are our most precious possessions, and if we were to have our children stray from Mormon ideals in their later lives due to our neglect in their childhood, it would be a most devastating blow to us. We all remember our loving parents and the guidance or lack of guidance which they gave to us. I'm sure that we—after experiencing some of life's trials—are most appreciative of the love and guidance which was extended to us in our childhood. Why then shouldn't we be as loving and helpful to our children as our parents were to us? I'm sure that we all have our children's welfare at heart, so perhaps there are several suggestions that I could make with special regard to the Primary how we as parents can help our children enjoy the benefits of the Primary.

The following reverence requirements should be discussed with our children.

1. I will stop at the steps of the church and say to myself, "This is the Lord's house—I will be reverent."

2. I will show my friendliness by smiling instead of talking when I am in the Chapel.

3. If my teacher asks the class to meet early, I will be on time, walk into the room quietly, and obey the teacher. If I am to go directly to the Chapel, I will sit quietly and listen to the prelude music. It will help me to feel the Spirit of the Lord and will allow others the same privilege.

The following suggestions of ways that parents can work with the Primary were made by President David O. McKay at a Primary conference in the tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

First: Encourage the children to attend regularly, reminding them of the hour, and making the necessary arrangements and preparations for them to attend.

Second: Admonish them to be respectful of their teachers, to observe orderly deportment in the classes and in the building in which the session is held. Once again I make the appeal to teachers and to mothers, and to the boys and girls, to retain good order and discipline in the Primary classes. No virtue is more important to be developed in the minds and in the hearts and lives of the little boys and girls than the desire to respect the feelings of others. They may do that by ceasing from whispering, restraining their desires to talk or to act disorderly. Parents can help in this.

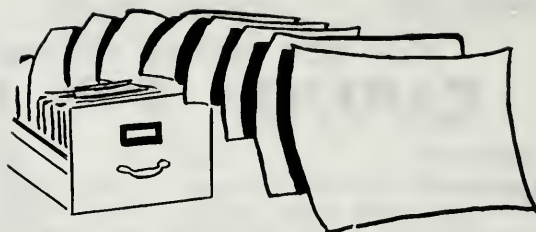
Third: Inquire upon the children's return home about the lesson given, the songs sung, and other features of class activity.

Fourth: Parents may contribute and help by attending branch entertainments and meetings held under the auspices of the Primary workers.

Fifth: And not least important. Make an occasional visit to the Primary weekly class to see what control and interest the teacher has in your boys and girls.

That we as parents may have the wisdom, love and faith to guide our children properly is my prayer.

FROM OUR FILES



Baptisms

BLOEMFONTEIN
LOOTS, Annette Elizabeth
DURBAN
MAREE, Emerentia Jacomina C.
MAREE, Gabriel Stefanus Philippus
VILJOEN, Anna Mary
VILJOEN, Jeremiah George
EAST LONDON
BOTHA, Benjamin William
MOWBRAY
BANFIELD, Lorraine Teresa
BANFIELD, Terrence Bryan
BESTER, Johan Herman
DYASON, Lilian Magdalene
GALLO, Beryl Edna
THEYS, Michael Henri Beresford
PIETERMARITZBURG
HULLY, Donald Norman

PRETORIA
MOFFITT, Joan
MOFFITT, John Brabazon
MOFFITT, Lynda Joy
MOFFITT, Robert John B.
RAUBENHEIMER, Naomi
SMIT, Martha Hermiena Fransiena
SMIT, Yvonne
STOLTZ, Cocnraad Frederik
SALISBURY
BELL, Desmond Sidney
BELL, Diane Lynn
BELL, Ian Cedric
BELL, Vera
CARSTENS, Anne Jacquelyn
WELKOM
GENEVER, Ronald Victor
GENEVER, Joyce Patricia

Blessings

COPPERBELT
HEARNS, Merle Paulette
DURBAN
BAISE, Dianne Cheryl
BRAYTENBACK, Cornelius Andrew
JAKINS, Dean Gregory
MILNE, Ingrid
KRUGERSDORP
DELPORT, Ingrid
PIETERMARITZBURG
HOLMES, Roy Michael

PRETORIA
ANDREWS, Ronald Stephen
KLOPPER, Heinrich
KLOPPER, Hendrik Johannes
KLOPPER, Johan Frederik
PRIMROSE
ROBERTS, Diane Winifred
WILSON, Shariene
SALISBURY
CARSTENS, Regan Cathlyn

Births

DURBAN
JURGENS, Marina

Marriages

DURBAN
MC LELLAN, Kathleen Mary, married
 February 23, 1963 to Peter Wannenbourg.

Ordinations

BELLVILLE
FOREMAN, John Reginald—to a Deacon.
HARRISON, Clifford Beverley—to a Deacon.
KOSCUICH, Karol Franciszek — to a Deacon.
KOSCIUCH, Tadeusz—to a Deacon.
LOMBARD, Roland John—to a Deacon.
LOTTER, Frederik Roux—to a Deacon.
LOTTER, Roux August—to a Deacon.
KRUGERSDORP
BANFIELD, Frank Crowest Stanley—to a Deacon.
COCKRELL, David Frederick—to a Priest.
DELPORT, Jan Adriaan—to a Deacon.
DU PLESSIS, Colin Adre—to a Deacon.
JOUBERT, Andries Johannes—to a Deacon.

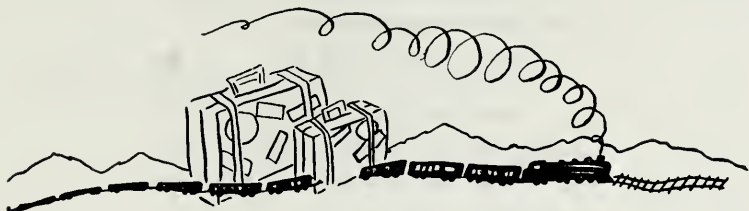
JOUBERT, Francois Jacobus—to a Teacher.
JOUBERT, Jan Frederick—to a Priest.
MOWBRAY
BANFIELD, James Gilbert—to a Priest.
CARTER, Michael John—to a Teacher.
CERFF, James Louis—to a Priest.
JURGENS, Hermanus Christiaan—to a Priest.
MC KINNON, Winston—to a Priest.
VAN RHYN, Petrus Benjamin—to a Priest.
WALLANDER, Olaf Denstine — to a Teacher.
SALISBURY
FISHER, George Stephen—to a Deacon.
VEREENIGING
KOTZE, Willem Karel—to an Elder.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Arrivals

ELDER JACK V. ALBRETSSEN—from Redwood City, California arrived June 26, 1963 and was assigned to Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.

ELDER EDWARD L. SORENSON—from Provo, Utah arrived June 26, 1963 and was assigned to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.



Transfers

ELDER JOHN R. CARLSON—from Southern Suburbs to Pretoria, June 1, 1963.

ELDER JOHN L. GREENWOOD—from Northern Rhodesia to Springs, June 2, 1963.

ELDER GRANT C. DAYLEY—from Springs to Kensington, Johannesburg, June 2, 1963.

ELDER MARVIN R. JONES—from Harmony, Orange Free State to Pretoria, June 17, 1963.

ELDER BRYANT ROBB—from Pretoria to Harmony, Orange Free State, June 17, 1963.

ELDER DONAL E. BURNETT—from Cape to Mission Home, June 19, 1963.

ELDER MARK B. PETERSON—from Cape to Pretoria, June 20, 1963.

ELDER JOHN R. CARLSON—from Pretoria to Mission Home, June 21, 1963.

Releases

ELDER BRET J. BODILY—from Preston, Idaho. Laboured in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, East Rand and Pietermaritzburg, Natal

ELDER BRUCE B. WINTERS—from Afton, Wyoming. Laboured in Luanshya, Northern Rhodesia, Durban, Pretoria and Vereeniging.



**ELDER BRET
BODILY,**
Preston, Idaho



**ELDER BRUCE C.
WINTERS,**
Afton, Wyoming

If Jesus came to your house

by

MRS. KUIS BLANCHARD

*If Jesus came to your house
To spend a day or two —
If He came unexpectedly,
I wonder what you'd do.*

*Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room
To such an honoured Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him
Would be the very best.*

*And you would keep assuring Him
You're glad to have Him there —
That serving Him in your own home
Is joy beyond compare.*

*But — when you saw Him coming,
Would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome
To your heavenly Visitor?*

*Or would you have to change your
clothes
Before you let Him in,
Or hide some magazines and put
The Bible where they'd been?*

*Would you turn off the radio
And hope He hadn't heard,
And wish you hadn't uttered
That last, loud, hasty word?*

*Would you hide your wordly music
And put some hymnbooks out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in,
Or would you rush about?*

*And I wonder — if the Saviour spent
A day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing
The things you always do?*

*Would you keep right on saying
The things you always say?
Would life for you continue
As it does from day to day?*

*Would your family conversation
Keep up its usual pace,
And would you find it hard each meal
To say a table grace?*

*Would you sing the songs you always
sing
And read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which
Your mind and spirit feed?*

*Would you take Jesus with you
Ev'rywhere you'd planned to go,
Or would you maybe change your plans
For just a day or so?*

*Would you be glad to have Him meet
Your very closest friends,
Or would you hope they'd stay away
Until His visit ends?*

*Would you be glad to have Him stay
Forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief
When He at last was gone?*

*It might be interesting to know
The things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came
To spend some time with you.*

BRANCH REPORTS



BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Alma Robb

THIS past month has been rather a busy one. First of all Mothers' Day came along. The speakers at this meeting were some of the younger members who gave inspiring talks about Mothers. Then each Mother was presented with a lovely posy. Records were broken at the evening service. The teenage Sisters, "The Quintet" as they call themselves, with Sister A. Milne at the piano sang for us. Well done, we hope to hear more from you.

Although Elder Brent White has already left for home, I would like to mention that he made history in this Branch by being the first Elder ever to speak in Afrikaans when he gave us his farewell talk. It was a great surprise to all of us and very well done by him. We were all very proud of him. Elder Brent Mangum, too, has been transferred to Johannesburg and we wish him every success in his labours. We welcome Elder Don Perry and Elder Duane Williams into our midst, and we hope their stay here will be a happy and successful one.

On May 26, a mixed choir of young teenage girls and boys—the boys being Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood bearers—sang "The Cry in the Wilderness", accompanied by Sister A. Milne at the piano and Sister G. Daubney as chorister. Brother P. Milne was the narrator. It was well done and worth-while listening to.

It has been very cold here lately, but in spite of it all the M.I.A. held a braaivleis on May 31 in the Chapel grounds. This was well attended and enjoyed by all. Afterwards the younger folk played volleyball. Later in the evening the Elders showed us the film "What Is a Mormon" with the Afrikaans version, after which Brother P. Heyenreck showed us some of his slides.

CARLETONVILLE BRANCH

Cecilia Nell

WE are happy to report that Carletonville's first missionary has been sent to the Netherlands to fulfill his mission. Elder Louis Nell, Jr. was ordained an Elder by President O. Layton Alldredge on April 30. On June 1 the M.I.A. and Relief Society said farewell to Louis and wished him God-speed. We hope his labours will be blessed by our Heavenly Father.

Brother and Sister Cockrell have left us and have moved to Johannesburg. Please continue your good works, Brother and Sister Cockrell, as the Lord has work for willing hands.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Iris J. Engle



HOW time seems to fly these days, no sooner has one report gone in than it is time to prepare another. Everybody up here seems to be either going on holiday or just returning. It was good to see Sister Nield back after being away for almost three months. On June 6, we are going to lose Sister Hansom and her family who are leaving for North Wales. We would like to wish her and her husband every success in their new venture. We have also missed Brother Zoef, who owing to shift work, finds it difficult to attend meetings.

Congratulations to Brother and Sister Huntington on the arrival of a bonny-wee daughter. Their cup of happiness is certainly overflowing.

We are finding our present meeting place rather cramped these days as there are quite a number of investigators attending meetings. Halls are at a premium up here, so it will be a happy day when we move into our own Chapel.

We were very sorry to say farewell to Elder Greenwood who has left us to labour in our Father's vineyard at Springs. His ready smile and wonderful personality will be missed by members and investigators alike. At the same time we would like to welcome Elder John Allen to the Copperbelt Branch, and we pray that he will be happy among the Saints up here. We pray that he may be the instrument in bringing many souls into the fold.

It is good to see Brother Dixon from Katanga attending services whenever possible, and we would like to see him transferred to Kitwe.

The monthly meeting held at the home of Brother and Sister Calteaux was well attended. Each month this meeting becomes more and more interesting. What with the Relief Society Sisters demonstrations and "Chapel Talk", these meetings are looked forward to by all.

The Copperbelt members send greetings to all the saints everywhere.

DURBAN BRANCH

Pat Kunitz



OUR Natal District Conference commenced with an Officers' and Teachers' meeting on Saturday evening, 11th May. All present appreciated the words of advice and encouragement delivered by President Cherrett and President Alldredge. On Sunday, the 12th, early morning Priesthood and Relief Society Meetings were held — President Alldredge presiding over the Brethren and Sister Alldredge presiding over the Sisters. During the Relief Society meeting, the Durban Relief Society Choir and a Quartet, consisting of Sisters Muriel Wilson, Nicky Henning, Margaret Bury and Joyce Wahlburn, sang most beautifully. The fine collection of useful and ingenious articles made by Relief Society Sisters in the Transvaal, and displayed by Sister Alldredge, gave us many ideas for our annual bazaar.

The morning and afternoon sessions of Conference were most enjoyable, and inspiring messages were given by Branch, District and Mission leaders on the theme "Gospel Ideals". Being Mothers' Day, lovely floral tributes were presented to all mothers present. The Relief Society did a very fine job of catering for lunch.

We greatly enjoyed having President and Sister Cherrett and President and Sister Alldredge with us, and also our Brothers and Sisters from Pietermaritzburg and Southbroom.

Various changes have been made in the ranks of our Branch and District authorities; Brother Deryck Vice being released as second counsellor in the Natal District Presidency and Brother Don Barrowman sustained in his stead.

Brother Victor Henning and Brother Ronald Kunitz have been released as first and second counsellor respectively in the Durban Branch Presidency, and Brother Deryck Vice and Brother Hennie Pelser sustained as first and second counsellors, respectively.

Over the recent long week-end (Republic Day), our Ladies and Mens basketball teams visited Port Elizabeth and East London, playing matches in both centres. A most enjoyable time was had by all, and though the Ladies team lost both their matches and the men lost their game in Port Elizabeth (they played brilliantly and won their game in East London) the teams received good publicity and support. We send a very big thank you to all the members in Port Elizabeth and East London who supported and cheered us so heartily, and also provided accommodation and hospitality.

We send congratulations to Brother and Sister Michael Blight on the birth of their son, Michael Andrew, on the 23rd of May.

On Sunday evening, June 2, Sister Mary Wiblin and the children of her Home Primary presented an excellent programme.

Brother Dick Jakins is in the hospital at present waiting to undergo a serious operation. Our thoughts and prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

The Melvie Jakins family have arrived safely in Salt Lake City and are settling down well, and are enjoying all the T.V. programmes.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan



THE East London Chapel is forging ahead and taking shape rapidly. Speculations are rife as to when the building will be completed. Fortunately so far the winter weather has been dry and mild so that the workmen are able to work apace. We have received notice that the organ is on its way and should arrive here within a short while.

.. On Saturday, May 18, Elder Robert Christensen celebrated his 22nd birthday and most of the local Saints and friends co-operated to make

it a memorable one for him by holding a "braai vleis" at Martina Glen that evening.

Early next morning a number of Saints gathered at the Nahoon River to witness the baptism of Bennie Botha. We extend the warm hand of welcome to this new young brother and pray that the Lord will bless him with courage and strength to continue growing in the light of the Gospel.

The East London Saints celebrated Republic Day by holding a picnic at Gonubie River camping sites. An early start was made so that we could secure a suitable spot providing space enough for many cars. The Lord granted us a beautiful mild winter's day, for which we were very grateful. After working up a good appetite by playing games on the lovely beach, all gathered under the shady trees for a super lunch of grilled meat and delicious salads and bread. The more energetic resorted to games after lunch—a few hardy souls even went for a swim—but the less brave and older folks rested and chatted. Such well-attended social gatherings do much to foster the spirit of brotherly love and cement the bonds of friendship.

Five little ones were blessed on Fast Sunday, June 2nd, preceding the Testimony meeting. Brother and Sister Roux brought their baby boy to be blessed and little Beckie Roux was blessed as well. Then Graham MacFarland and Charmaine and William Lock received their blessings.

The Relief Society Sisters held a very successful cake sale on June 8, despite various other cake sales in the vicinity. The Sisters are working diligently so that they will be able to set their budget in order before directing their whole-hearted support towards raising funds for the Chapel.

Brother van Heerden from Port Elizabeth has been transferred to East London and although we sympathise with Port Elizabeth Branch for the loss of this fine brother, we rejoice that our Branch has been blessed with yet another fine member. The van Heerden family will be joining Brother van Heerden later in the year, and the sooner the better thinks Brother van Heerden.

Due to the many active members who have come into the Branch there have been some changes in the organisation and the work of the Lord is now spread out more evenly among the members. Brother Nelson Beard is the new Sunday School superintendent, replacing Brother Human, who gave years of yeoman service to this auxiliary. Brother H. Trollip is group leader of the Melchizedek Priesthood group, and Sister T. Trollip is second counselor in the Relief Society, succeeding Sister D. Booyesen, who can now devote herself more fully to the Literature Lesson, which she gives so ably, and the other duties she has been called upon to do.

Brother Clarence Doller and Brother and Sister Ernest Doller paid us a surprise visit over the week-end, the 15th and 16th June. As president of the Melchizedek Priesthood group in the Eastern Province and Border areas, Brother C. Doller has some wonderful plans for bringing the Port Elizabeth and East London Branches closer together spiritually although some 200 miles separate the two centres. His enthusiasm is contagious and we foresee a greater bond between the members of these two Branches in the near future.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Lucy Carr

DURING fast and testimony service on May 5, little Kim Carr was blessed by Brother W. Balmer. That evening instead of having our usual Family Hour, our Branch substituted with a film show which made a big impression on all present and strengthened our testimonies.

A Family Safari was the first official meeting of our M.I.A. We wish to thank Sister Shirley Evans for her hard work in making our hall look like a real jungle and also for arranging the most suitable games which were enjoyed by all.

President Adenorff was dressed most appropriately in a sack, to show that he was really part of the "Hobo-barbeque" which the Relief Society held on May 11. Little Kathy Evans walked away with the prize; she really looked like a poor forlorn Hobo.

During Sunday School meeting, the following morning, Brother and Sister Rautenbach had their bonny baby, Mario, blessed. Our Sunday School Superintendent, Brother W. Balmer, released Sister Shirley Evans as "Cumorah Southern Messenger" reporter, thanking her for the able manner in which she kept all those interested in our Branch activities well informed. Sister Lucy Carr was sustained as the new reporter.

As always in the past, our Mothers' Day service made a big impression on all. And Mothers treasured the white posies which were presented to them as a symbol of love and appreciation for everything they do, not only for their loved ones, but also for the community. Our evening

service made us all think of ourselves when Brother William A. Wiblin of Pretoria said "Look in your mirror". We thank him once more for a very enlightening talk.

An M.I.A. meeting with a difference was held on May 21 when, after the lessons, everybody gathered together to celebrate Sister A. Cloete's birthday. May you have a prosperous year, Sister Cloete.

Our congratulations go to Brother and Sister Engelke on the arrival of a baby daughter on May 25. May she always be a pleasure to you and we hope that you won't have too many wakeful nights.

We want to thank all the Saints who took part in the service at the Springs Chapel on May 26 for a warm and heart touching programme. Special thanks to the choir for highlighting the service with those wonderful songs.

During their recent holiday Brother Bertie Adendroff injured the fingers of his left hand. As he is left handed, this is quite serious. Our prayers are with him and we are sure that it will be healed in no time.

Sister Botha's presence is missed at our different meetings, but we know that as soon as she is recovered from her illness she will join us again.

We send our warmest greetings to all our fellow Saints. May God's choicest blessings rest on you all.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH

May Schultz

BROTHER and Sister Palmer are hard at work again after a good holiday in Durban.

Well, at the moment our Branch seems to be getting smaller and smaller. We have just lost another family, Brother and Sister Lehmann, who have moved down to Sasolburg. Brother Lehmann was our Sunday School Superintendent, Branch teacher and Primary teacher for the Trail Builders. Sister Lehmann was Sunday School chorister, visiting teacher, Primary teacher for the Gaynotes, work teacher in Relief Society and Primary Mother. We are very sorry to lose them as they were very staunch members, but still we wish them all the luck and happiness in their new surroundings. I think the children especially are sad to see them go as at the moment we have no more Primary because of the few members that are left work out and are unable to teach. We surely hope to start soon again as the children really looked forward to the Primary each week, even the non-members.

On June 9, we had a double pleasure of having the presence of President C. K. Powrie and his daughter, Judy, Brother Alexander and Brother G. Meyer, at both the morning and evening services. We hope they enjoyed their stay with us. We also had a Family investigating at the morning service.

On June 14, Brother Mick Schultz received the blessing of the Melchizedek Priesthood and was ordained to an Elder. May he always be worthy of this calling and may the good Lord guide and bless him where ever he may go.

At the evening service of June 16, we had a non-member attend the meeting. May these people's hearts and minds be opened to accept this wonderful Gospel that is brought to them; may our Elders that are striving hard here in Klerksdorp be richly blessed and may our Heavenly Father bless all his Saints.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Joyce Levy

ONCE more our month began with a very special occasion and this was the baptism of Brother Sawyer. We welcome him as a member. Actually, he has been living as a Mormon and attending our meetings for many years. All of the members are grateful to our Heavenly

Father for helping Brother Sawyer to make this great decision and become a member of "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints".

On the first Saturday of the month a rummage sale was held, and a few of the members did very well in selling the rummage.

A Square Dance was held in aid of the Childrens' Christmas Party. It was a really lovely dance. A few of the members had been practicing for a few weeks so that we could have some really good square dancing. A Chinese supper was also given; this was a special treat that we all enjoyed very much.

The Aaronic Priesthood gave a special programme "Cry in the Wilderness" which was conducted by Sister Strydom. It was a very beautiful programme; the singing and the narration were excellent.

The most wonderful news I leave until last, and this is the way our Chapel is growing. The walls are going up and we can see what is what. The Brothers are working so very hard each Saturday afternoon. On May 31 they started working at 9 a.m. and continued throughout the day. The Relief Society sisters provided a lunch of soup, boerewors, mashed potatoes, and salads for the Brothers who, after eating, went immediately back to drilling, picking, and digging. They worked until their hands were cut and sore, and they could hardly move their arms. We are indeed proud of the work our menfolk are doing and we thank our Heavenly Father for their health and strength.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Alvin F. Park



THE "Children's Friend in Every Home" was the theme of a very well attended Primary service held on Sunday, May 5.

The Voodoo Restaurant was the venue for a gathering of the Relief Society sisters on May 16 to celebrate a 100% record for visiting teaching during the past year. Prior to leaving for the dinner party they were addressed by the Branch President and commended for the very fine work they had done in this connection.

Tributes were paid to mothers in both the morning and evening services on Sunday, May 12. A token of appreciation in the form of a corsage was presented to each mother.

The restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood was commemorated on Sunday, May 26 before a large congregation in a special programme of music and words presented by a choir conducted by Udell E. Poulsen. The narration was given by Dudley Harford.

The recreation hall was very beautifully decorated for a Coronation Ball, held under the auspices of the M.I.A., but the attendance was disappointing.

Peter Bester spent a few days in the Monastery Hospital with a broken arm but is now back home with his arm in a sling. "Bobbie" Smith is in the Monte Rosa Hospital to undergo an operation on his foot. We were all sorry to hear that Joseph Dyason collapsed at work with a heart attack and was taken to the Woodstock hospital for treatment. He will be a patient for approximately six weeks.

Our C.S.M. reporter Beatrice Smith is also indisposed but it is hoped that she will be on the job for next month's notes.

The Poulsen family will leave D. F. Malan Airport on June 15, for two months vacation in America. We all wish them a happy reunion with their families.

We are glad to welcome the Sanders family from England as new members in the Mowbray Branch. The two children are confined to bed with chicken pox and we hope that they will soon recover and be up and about again.

There is an epidemic of mumps in the Peninsula at present and the Van Rhyn, Theys and Le Roux families have been affected. We are also sorry to report that Sister B. Smith has not been well. We hope to have her back at our meetings soon.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

SISTER ELIZABETH PITTENDREIGH presented five of the members with their Genealogy workshop awards. They were Sister Pearl Ek, Dolphina Van Heerden, Madge McHugh and Brother Havelock Trollip and Henry Pittendreich.

We were happy to have Brother Matheson attend Sunday School and Sacrament Service. We certainly enjoyed hearing him speak.

On Saturday evening, the 8th, a party was held at the Chapel and during the evening President Clarence Doller was presented with a leather satchel by President Douglas Charsley thanking him for his faithful service to the Branch. President Clarence Doller was quite overcome and briefly said a few words of thanks and sat down.

It seems we are losing the Van Heerden family to East London. We regret to see them go and wish them all happiness and to Brother Van Heerden, success in his new job.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Anna Muller



OUR Primary evening service under the supervision of our Primary President, Sister Eileen van Staden, was a really delightful service. The patience and diligence of the teachers was really rewarded through the outstanding efforts of these children. They are certainly trained to be the leaders of tomorrow. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Primary Presidency and teachers for their wonderful work.

As usual, Mothers' Day was a real highlight, with the eldest mother in the Branch, Granny Cruickshaw, present at this wonderful occasion. The speaker, who paid tribute to the mothers, touched the hearts of all present. Then came the sweetest moment of all when posies of car-

nations were handed to the mothers as a symbol of the love and honour in which they are held.

The opening social of the M.I.A. was held in the form of a games evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by young and old. The Coronation Ball was a great success and was attended by many members from other Branches. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of President Alldredge, President Powrie and the various Branch Presidents. The artistic decorations were beautifully done by Sister Martin of Pretoria Branch.

Ascension Day was a most memorable day in the history of our Branch as the first baptismal service in our own Chapel was held on that occasion with the District President and Sister Powrie in attendance. We are very happy to welcome all those new members who were baptised during the past month. May they find happiness and peace in the Gospel.

Brother and Sister du Plessis have been blessed with another fine son. We would like to congratulate them and hope that he will always be a joy to them.

Welcome to Sister Walker and Brother York from Pretoria Branch. May they be very happy here.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Granny Cruickshaw and Sister Lohrentz at the loss of their son and brother. We pray that they may find consolation with the Lord.

Visitors have been many from other Branches as well as local investigators and it is certainly good to see the Chapel so full at services.

The beautiful Aaronic Priesthood service on May 26 will long be remembered by all those present. Brother Hutton and the choir is to be congratulated on the excellent rendering of the musical programme.

It was with deep regret that the Pretoria Branch said goodbye to Elders Tischner, White and Knowles on their return to the United States. May our Heavenly Father bless and guide them in their future careers.

RAMAH BRANCH

Everald Matthews

ON Sunday, June 16, Ramah was very privileged to have a past President of the South African Mission present with some of his colleagues from Salt Lake City. President Evan P. Wright and the others in the party were on a visit to South Africa and Ramah was delighted to welcome them. Everyone was enthralled with the wonderful talks given by these fine people. We also heard from President Powrie and President Alldredge, so it was a gala evening. The Ramah choir excelled themselves as well, and they sang most beautifully.

President and Sister Alldredge celebrated their 27th Wedding Anniversary on June 17, and they held a lovely party at the Mission Home with President Alldredge keeping everyone entertained with his J. Golden Kimball anecdotes. Congratulations President and Sister Alldredge, and if it's true what they say about the first twenty-seven years being the worst, then you have lots of happy times ahead of you!

We also send congratulations of a different sort to Brother and Sister Ivan Muir on the birth of another lovely little girl.

Brother Willy Brummer was married at Ramah on June 15, and our good wishes go to him and his charming wife. It was a lovely wedding with the catering being done by the Relief Society.

The Tennis club has started at Ramah and there is also a greater interest in badminton. In fact all of the sporting facilities are being well used owing to the improved recreation hall.

All of the new classrooms are in use and the North Wing is beautifully sunny and warm. Having had such a cold spell in Johannesburg, the Ramah members are doubly thankful for the wonderful facilities. Perhaps we should show our appreciation by renewing our enthusiasm in the family fund-raising project which seems to have come to a standstill recently!

The Westbrookes are enjoying the Durban sunshine and beach, and we wish them well in their search for accommodation. We miss you at Ramah.

Little Sister Patricia Howden has had her tonsils out and little Brother Larry Matthews also had an operation and they are both making good progress. Get well soon Pat and Larry!

Owing to the cold which seems to have put lots of people in bed, the attendance at Relief Society has dropped considerably. However, the Sisters are working steadily for the bazaar at the end of the year, and are holding a book-sale at the City Hall on July 25.

Similarly attendance at M.I.A. is rather static and could do with a big boost.

Ramah will be holding "Birthday Baptisms" in the future so all the new eight-year-olds have a wonderful way to celebrate their birthdays now. The first baptism on a birthday for a Ramah member will be June 22. This will be the baptismal date for Sister Cicely Brummer, and we know that this will certainly be a great day for her.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Jean Schönnberg



IN Salisbury we are beginning to feel a real nip in the air, and the lovely green growth which covered everywhere has slowly grown more sparse and dwindled till now, the country side is looking dry and wintry. Yet the weather is quite invigorating and crisp, making one glad to be alive.

M.I.A. has recommenced with a swing. Brother A. Corbett is President, supported by counsellors Sister J. Schönnberg and Brother A. Frost. The youngsters look forward to Tuesday evenings under their class leaders. President Kenneth Trotter teaches Vanguard classes and Sister C. Cullinan, the Beehive group. The Corbett family have set aside every second Saturday afternoon of the month as "open house" to M.I.A. members and friends for volleyball and badminton. This is proving a success and a well supported activity, not the least of its value is in the introducing of interest in the Gospel through this get-together on the common ground of sports. Attendances have been as high as thirty-five and we have been able to show others that though we are indeed a "peculiar people", we do enjoy life to the fullest. M.I.A. sponsored a beetle drive in aid of Chapel funds. This function, held at 12 Cardigan Avenue on May 25, was much enjoyed by members and friends who themselves made it an evening of fun.

We were very happy to have a most welcome visit from Sister Eliza Larsen who had travelled down to Salisbury from Northern Rhodesia to fetch her son prior to the commencement of the new school term. Sister Larsen had endeared herself to the Relief Society sisters and Church members during her family's stay in Salisbury and it was good to have a chat on old times.

Relief Society held a cake sale on June 1, and due to the all out effort of the sisters, though few in number, the sum of £21.5 was raised. Our next cake sale we hope to hold in the vicinity of our rapidly growing Chapel which is causing so much excitement among the Saints and general interest throughout Salisbury. This Saturday, June 1, was a particularly happy and joyful day since we were able to welcome five new members into fellowship of the Church. At a private home on that glorious, sunny afternoon the Saints were privileged to be present at this baptismal ceremony where Brother Desmond Sidney Bell, Sister Vera Bell, with their two children, Diane Lynn and Ian Cedric, entered the waters of baptism, as did Sister Anne Jacquelyn Carstens. On the following day, the Sabbath, these Saints were confirmed into membership of the Church. Baby Regan Carstens was given a blessing as well. We pray that these new members will ever find joy in their work for the Lord and grow in testimony of the Gospel.

We are happy to welcome back from holiday in the Republic Brother and Sister Oliver. We did miss them during their long absence.

The Saints in Salisbury send greetings to all Branches in the South African Mission.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Melaney Peterson



THE M-Men and Gleaner class started the new M.I.A. year by holding an enjoyable opening social at the home of their class leader, Brother Kenneth Armstrong. The class members also held a fire-side, open to the Branch, at the home of the Hugo family. The tape recording, "This is the Place", was played, and all who attended were filled with gratitude towards the pioneers of the Mormon faith, for their courage and steadfastness.

The ladies of the Relief Society held another cake sale this month and once again the resulting swell in the Relief Society funds made their hard work well worthwhile.

Sister Valerie Nixon from Cape Town has taken up residence in Springs prior to her marriage to Brother Marten Keuning in July. We wish her every happiness in her new Branch. Sister Rose Kirsten is another visitor who may be remaining in Springs, and we hope that she will be happy with us.

Young Brother Trevor Jubber, who underwent a heart operation this month, is improving so rapidly that everyone is astounded. He will be home in a few weeks. The Branch gives grateful thanks to our Father in Heaven and to His Priesthood for the success of Brother Trevor's operation. Brother Val van Niekerk and Brother Clive Mac Millan have also been in the hospital, but both are home now. Brother Wynne Armstrong suffered a bout of tick-bite fever after his holiday in the bushveld, and is also enjoying good health once more.

Brother and Sister van Niekerk and Sister June have returned from their holiday in Durban, and Brother Raymond Phillips is also back with us after his holiday. We welcome you all home to the Branch!

Our building fund is growing and the property behind the Church, on which our extensions are to be built, now belongs to the Church. Our Branch President says that when the time is right, the Priesthood members will pull down the house and then our building plans can begin in earnest.

Our love and greetings to the Brethern and Sisters.

VEREENIGING BRANCH REPORT

Rowland Roberts

THE month of April was a very momentous one for the Saints in Vereeniging. We became an Independent Branch on April 19 from our guide and mentor, Ramah Branch. Among the visitors were President Alldredge, the Mission President, President Powrie and his counsellors from the District, President Faber and President Bester. President Chater of Ramah addressed us before handing over the management of the Branch to us. He wished us all the joy and prosperity possible with our task.

Many words of wisdom and counsel were given to us by all who addressed us, for which we are truly grateful.

It was also announced that the Mission and the District Presidencies had approved the purchase of ground in Grey Avenue for the building of a Chapel. The Vereeniging and Vanderbijl Saints were challenged by President Powrie to have a ground breaking ceremony on a date six months from the date of obtaining our independence. This challenge has been accepted and the members are hard at work raising the money required to start building. We fully believe that this ground was kept by the Lord for the building of a Chapel in this town.

Estate agents told us that no such size of ground for our requirements was available in the town but the Saints found it. The owners themselves were not aware of their ownership until approached.

President Alldredge, in his wisdom knew that we would be needing more members, so he sent us two more missionaries for our comfort. We welcome Elder Smith and Hoskins to our area and wish them happy "hunting".

Amid all our blessings we have one sad fact to record, Brother Eban Slabbert, who is one of the foundation members of our Branch, will be leaving us soon. He has obtained more remunerative employment in Germiston. Our thoughts and good wishes will be going with him and his family when they leave. We are sure that he will be an asset to Primrose Branch. Our loss will be Primrose's gain. The memory of his faith and diligent work will ever be remembered by us. We will miss him, but we are sure that the Lord has work for him to do elsewhere.

The following were sustained as Branch Presidency on April 10 in our newly constituted Branch: President, Z. J. Pienaar; first counsellor, P. J. Brummer; second counsellor, R. P. Roberts and Branch Clerk, J. E. Siabbert.

We send our best wishes to the Saints everywhere and pray for their earnest endeavours in the Gospel.

WELKOM BRANCH

A. G. Gilburt

BUILDING has once again commenced on our Chapel and now we are sure it will not be long before we can move into it. The Priesthood holders have started clearing the grounds around the Chapel. There is a fantastic amount of ground to be landscaped and I am sure that the men will shed gallons of perspiration doing all that which has to be done. It will, however, be well worth it once they see the end result of all their labours.

The Relief Society sisters are working very hard at present collecting and completing articles for our cake sale which is to take place during August.

Two special meetings have been held this past month to commemorate the Restoration of the Aaronic and the Melchizedek Priesthoods. These meetings were really enlightening and of great benefit to all who were present.

We are most happy to announce that our M.I.A. has once again commenced. These meetings have been socially missed by all members of the Branch since they ceased a year ago. The opening of M.I.A. was celebrated by a social in the Gilburt home on Tuesday, June 4, games were played and songs were sung. Although the singing was absolutely appalling, each and everyone of us thoroughly enjoyed exercising our vocal cords at full blast. We do hope and pray that M.I.A. will be a great success in the future as it was in the past, but it cannot be a success unless the members attend their meetings and give the officers and teachers their full support.

Once again we have to say "Tot siens" to one of our Elders. This time it is Elder Williams who has been transferred to Bloemfontein. We also wish to say "welcome to Welkom" to Elder de Wet who has come to us for the first step of his mission. We are sure he will be greatly blessed for having taken the stand that he has.

At this stage we would like to say welcome to Brother and Sister Nelson who have moved down to the Free State and who are now attending our meetings. We hope that their stay will be a long, happy and most memorable one.

In the past month we have had a few members of other Branches pay us visits; among them was Brother Ray Phillips, who was once a member of our Branch. It is really great to see members of other Branches.

To all members throughout the South African Mission goes our sincerest greetings.

LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, 110 Devenish Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Meetings: Vereeniging Peace Lodge, Joubert Street, Vereeniging.

KLERKSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: S.A.R. Recreation Hall, Cor. Delwer and Magdalena Prinsloo Avenue, Klersdorp.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Statoway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Labangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Builderswart Building, Coronation Square, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road, (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

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in every place as if you meant to
spend your life there, never
omitting an opportunity of
doing a kindness, or speaking a
true word, or making a friend.*

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